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Ella Marie Peters, 96

WALNUT – Ella Marie Peters was born in Shelby Co., Dec. 30, 1893. She was the daughter of John and Annie Maassen Bauer. She was the oldest of six children in the family. She attended country school in Shelby county. The family moved to Avoca in 1911.

She married Harry Peters on May 14, 1913 at Co. Bluffs. They made their home on their farm in Shelby County north of Walnut. They were the parents of two children, Melvin and Marcella. They retired from farming and moved to Walnut in 1947. She was a member of the Peace United Church of Christ. Harry died Nov. 17, 1970. In 1975, she moved from her home to Peace Haven Retirement Home in Walnut. She became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan Nov. 21, 1989. She died there on April 28, 1990, at age 96 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Harry; her son, Melvin, who died Dec. 2, 1985; two sisters, Lula Peters and C. LaVerne Jacobsen and two brothers, Ellis Bauer and Elmer Bauer. Survivors are her daughter, Marcella (Charles) Andersen of Harlan; her daughter-in-law, Berneice Peters of Walnut; six grandchildren; eighteen great-grandchildren; twelve great-great-grandchildren and one sister, Evelyn Fennern of Garrison; besides nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 1, 1990 at Peace United Church of Christ in Walnut with Rev. Michele Scott officiating. Casketbearers were Darwin Holtz, LaVerne Kock, Lawrence Stamp, Robert Fresener, Leonard Bauer and Freddie Matthies. Burial was in Walnut cemetery.